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- From 1 to 6 July no Chinese Communist troops were shipped on the Yangtze River from Szechuan to Hankow, and all vessels, including the YING CH'I (底 如) and CHUN HSIEN (河) which were especially chartered by the Chinese Communists to transport troops from Spechuan, were anchored at Ichang. The LST HUA-214 left Chungking empty.
- 2. On 2 July the vessel CHIANG CHING ()1 &) left Ichang for Chungking to pick up 350 Chinese Communist troops for shipment to Ichang.1
 - Comment. The orders were possibly rescinded when the vessel arrived at Chungking.

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